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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 percent and 10 percent expenditure is borne by the Central and State Governments respectively out of the total expenditure meant for running the central sector schemes in the special category States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is discrimination in allocation of funds for the central sector schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal in the North Eastern States and Himachal Pradesh and other special category States;

(d) whether some States are spending more funds on the schemes of central sector than that of the fixed ratio of 90:10;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): For Central Sector Schemes, the Government of India provides 100% funding and no State/UT share is expected. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) States/UTs contribute their share as per details given below:

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA): At present, the funding pattern for implementation of SSA programme for North Eastern States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura is 90:10 i.e. 90% share to be borne by Central Government and 10% share by North Eastern States with the Central share resourced from 10% funds earmarked for North Eastern Region from the Central Budget. The funding pattern prescribed for all other States/UTs including Himachal Pradesh is 60:40 i.e. 60% share to be borne by Central Government and 40% share by the States/UTs including Himachal Pradesh.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM):

(a) Under Mid Day Meal Scheme Central Government bears 100% cost of the following components:

(i) Foodgrains: Supply of free food grains (wheat/rice) @100 grams per child per School Day at Primary classes (I-V) and 150 grams per child per School day at upper primary classes (VI-VIII)

ii) Transportation: Actual cost of transportation of food grains from nearest FCI godown to the Primary School subject to the ceiling of Rs.125 per Quintal for 11 special category States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal and Rs.75 per quintal for all other States and UTs.

(iii) Management, Monitoring & Evaluation (MME): at the rate of 1.8% of total assistance on (a) free food grains, (b) transport cost and (c) cooking cost. Another 0.2% of the above amount is utilized at the Central Government level for management, monitoring and evaluation.

(b) The Central Assistance for Cooking Cost is on sharing basis. At Primary stage the Central Assistance towards cooking cost per child/school day is Rs.1.89 for NER States provided the States contribute minimum 20 paise and Rs.1.58 for other States/UTs provided the State/UT contribute minimum 50 paise. At Upper Primary stage the Central Assistance towards cooking cost per child/school day is Rs.2.42 for NER States provided the States contribute minimum 20 paise and Rs.2.10 for other States/UTs provided the State/UT contribute minimum 50 paise. Some of the States/UTs are contributing more than their mandatory share for providing better quality of mid-day meal to children.

(c) In addition to the above, one time Central Assistance is provided to States for construction of Kitchen Sheds @ Rs.60,000 per unit and Rs.5000 for procurement/ replacement of Kitchen Devices for each school covered under MDM Scheme.